

Brigham Young's Point of the Mountain Railroad Experience By Carl Mellor

The single track system of the Utah Southern leading north from Lehi caused another interesting incident involving Brigham Young. Two trains, headed in opposite directions, came to a grinding halt near the point of the mountain.

The engineers dropped from their diamond shaped smokestack locomotives and were soon joined by their respective crews in a heated argument. Someone would have to back down the hill to the passing track at the bottom. Finally one conductor, a little more level-headed than the rest, said: 'I've got Brigham Young in my hind car. Let's send for him.'

Brigham Young came and patiently listened and then asked: "Which one of you engineers have paid your tithing?" One engineer hung his head, while the other fished in his coat pocket and came up with a greasy receipt.

"That settles it." Brigham Young announced, "The engineer without the receipt backs down. Come on, lets be going. I've a conference in the next town."